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Name of Correspondent: Representative John Paul Hammes Schmidt (R-Ark)

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Subject: Reductions in VA budget

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4 June 1981

Dear John Paul:

Thank you for your letter of 6 April 1981, expressing your concern for the Veterans Administration's Medical care system. We share your desire to have this Nation's service-disabled veterans provided medical care of the highest quality.

In arriving at the 10 March revisions of the Carter budget for FY 1982, we felt that we could not avoid making some reductions in the VA budget, since it is the sixth largest agency in funding and the second largest in Federal employment. The 1982 personnel reductions in the Department of Medicine and Surgery (DM&S) totalled 5,551 full-time-equivalent (FTE) employees, and reflected the imposition of Federal employee reductions applied only to DM&S personnel classified as non-direct care.

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Thank you for sharing your views with us.

Sincerely,

EDWIN MEESE III
Counsellor to the President

The Honorable John Paul Hammerschmidt
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

✓ cc: E. Meese

EM:ds--

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Honorable John Paul Hammerschmidt
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

John Paul:

Dear Congressman ~~Hammerschmidt~~:

6 April 1981

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Edwin Meese

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DIRECTOR'S
CORRESPONDENCE UNIT

APRIL 23, 1981

TO: OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

ACTION REQUESTED:

DRAFT REPLY FOR SIGNATURE OF EDWIN MEESE

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 021716

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED APRIL 6, 1981

TO: EDWIN MEESE

FROM: THE HONORABLE JOHN PAUL HAMMERSCHMIDT
RANKING MINORITY MEMBER
U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON DC 20515

SUBJECT: REDUCTIONS IN VA BUDGET

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE
UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

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DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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April 6, 1981

Mr. Edwin Meese, III
Counsellor to The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

021716

Dear Ed:

A matter of great concern to me, as the ranking minority member of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, is the proposed reduction in funds needed to operate the Veterans Administration.

As you are aware, I am fully committed to President Reagan's laudable objective of balancing the Budget. It is my carefully considered judgment, however, that the wholesale indiscriminate cuts recommended by the Office of Management and Budget will decimate the Veterans Administration, particularly its medical care program. It will be extremely difficult, if not impossible, for many Members of Congress to support cuts of this magnitude.

It has been suggested that the reductions are only 3.2 percent of the entire VA Budget. It should be noted, however, that direct benefit payments -- service connected disability and death benefits, pensions and educational allowances -- all fixed by statute, represent approximately 65 percent of the Veterans Administration Budget. From the remaining portion of the VA Budget that is open to reduction, approximately 8 billion dollars, almost 10 percent would be cut.

Each year, the Carter Administration has contributed to the erosion of the once unexcelled VA hospital system by chipping away at funding and personnel. In 1979, the former Administration cut 5,956 personnel from VA's medical program. An additional 1,884 personnel were cut in 1980. During FY 1980 and '81, the Congress took action that restored some of these personnel cuts.

Now, the Administration's budget is recommending further reductions of 7,995 personnel in the Veterans Administration, including 5,838 doctors, nurses and ancillary medical personnel. As a result, approximately 1800 hospital beds will be closed. There will be a decrease of 1.5 million outpatient visits, including the closing of all of the Psychological Readjustment Counseling Centers for Vietnam veterans. The previous Administration, incidentally, justified the closing of some 15,000 hospital

Mr. Edwin Meese
April 6, 1981
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beds in four years by increasing the outpatient activity, thus claiming the treatment of more patients while decreasing the number of beds. The current budget will drastically curtail both outpatient and inpatient activity.

Aside from the fact that we have a sacred obligation in the words of Lincoln, "To care for him who shall have borne the battle," the practical considerations are that the continued erosion of the VA hospital system will prevent it from serving as a backup to military hospitals in the event of war or national emergency.

In view of the strong opposition of the nation's veterans organizations, there is a strong probability that the recommended cuts in VA medical funding cannot be sustained. Thus, several million veterans and their families will have been unnecessarily alienated.

I strongly urge that the proposed cuts in Veterans Administration funding be reconsidered.

Sincerely,



JOHN PAUL HAMMERSCHMIDT
Ranking Minority Member

JPH/hpd

AVERAGE EMPLOYMENT FY 1973 - FY 1982

ACCOUNT	ACTUAL								REVISED ESTIMATE	
	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982
General operating expenses:										
General administration	1,962	1,942	1,981	2,032	2,101	1,271	2,392	2,375	2,433	2,471
Office of data management and telecommunications	1,572	1,583	1,695	1,829	1,860	2,027	2,077	1,968	1,973	1,911
Department of veterans benefits	17,478	17,154	19,716	20,154	19,545	18,745	18,076	16,914	16,388	14,476
Department of memorial affairs .....	...	759	1,043	1,114	1,124	1,137	1,143	1,111	1,164	1,164
Total general operating expenses	21,012	21,438	24,435	25,129	24,630	24,180	23,688	22,368	21,958	20,022
Medical programs:										
Medical care	152,267	156,966	163,813	171,701	176,142	184,258	181,088	185,054	184,589	181,106
Medical and prosthetic research	3,807	3,873	4,232	4,262	4,333	4,367	4,416	4,360	4,369	4,293
Medical administration and miscellaneous operating expenses	772	713	748	770	788	777	781	831	839	866
Canteen service revolving fund	2,975	3,060	3,169	3,334	3,429	3,495	3,529	3,442	3,544	3,364
Consolidated working fund	49	46	53	64	61	53	...	...	...	...
Total medical programs	159,870	164,658	172,015	180,131	184,753	192,950	189,814	193,687	193,341	189,629
Supply fund	606	635	660	668	674	671	680	679	684	649
Construction programs:										
Construction of hospital and domiciliary facilities	23	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Construction, minor projects	442	476	542	625	654	716	744	730	810	865
Total construction programs	465	476	542	625	654	716	744	730	810	865
Total Veterans Administration	181,953	187,207	197,652	206,553	210,711	218,517	214,926	217,464	216,793	211,165

Note: Includes proposed legislation as follows: Department of veterans benefits -12 in FY 1981, and -45 in FY 1982.

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Date Correspondence Received (YY/MM/DD) 8/10/22

Name of Correspondent: Tom Preker

MI Mail Report

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Subject: Request reconsideration of proposal to terminate the Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA) Program.

ROUTE TO:

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U.S. Department of Labor

Employment and Training Administration
601 D Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20213



20 MAY 1981

Honorable Tom Dreher
Mayor of Willowick
30435 Lake Shore Boulevard
Willowick, Ohio 44094

Dear Mr. Mayor:

This is in response to your letter of April 20, 1981, to President Reagan regarding the President's proposal affecting programs funded under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA).

We appreciate your comments. The President has proposed that certain programs under CETA, including Public Service Employment programs funded under Titles II-D and VI be phased out. However, other programs such as classroom training and on-the-job training funded under Titles II-B/C and VII will be maintained. These programs will continue to serve those individuals most in need of the types of programs and services provided by CETA.

Again, we appreciate your comments and interest in our employment and training programs.

Sincerely,

ROBERT ANDERSON
Administrator
Office of Comprehensive
Employment Development

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

APRIL 28, 1981

TO: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE
PLEASE RETURN TO ROOM S-2519

ACTION REQUESTED:

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MEDIA: LETTER, DATED APRIL 20, 1981

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: THE HONORABLE TOM DREHER
MAYOR OF WILLOWICK
30435 LAKE SHORE BOULEVARD
WILLOWICK OH 44094

SUBJECT: REQUESTS RECONSIDERATION OF PROPOSAL TO
TERMINATE THE COMPREHENSIVE EMPLOYMENT
TRAINING ACT (CETA) PROGRAM

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City of Willowick

30435 LAKE SHORE BOULEVARD
WILLOWICK, OHIO 44094

April 20, 1981

The Honorable Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

021819

Mr. President:

Please accept my heartfelt wishes for your continued and complete recovery. Our prayers are with you, your family, and your associates in their recovery from the horrible experiences of the recent past.

On another matter of importance I wish to point out my disenchantment and total disappointment with the decision to terminate the Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA) Program. The accelerated termination deadlines which were moved from September to June to May of this year have been most disruptive. Further, your decision to stop the CETA Program will cause irreparable damage to the people and departments involved in the City of Willowick.

Allow me to explain their problems as a consequence of your decision. Willowick has been a working site of mutual benefit since the CETA Program was initiated. Specifically, the secretary of the Mayor's Office, the secretary of the Recreation Department, 2 Service Department Foremen, and 12 other of our employees are people that came to us through CETA. These people were trained on the program and then absorbed as full-time employees in our municipality and on our payroll. In short, we, in my opinion, exemplified the purposes and objectives of the program. We have a remarkable Coordinator, our Deputy Finance Director, that has fulfilled the role of a concerned and highly expert leader in the area of obtaining and assigning trainees to positions in our City. Our directors have been most cooperative in endorsing and implementing the elements of the CETA Program. Because of the decision to terminate CETA, good intentioned, hard working people will be denied because quite honestly we cannot absorb the load suddenly thrust upon us.

This evening at 7:00 P.M., I will meet with the Willowick City Council for the express purpose of determining how many, if any, of the current thirteen (13) CETA employees we can absorb on our payroll for the remainder of the year. Obviously those we cannot retain will be moved to the rolls of the unemployed because their training cycles have been rendered incomplete. Our citizens will be deprived of the services the CETA people afforded them. Our directors must completely rebuild scheduling and manpower plans. The CETA people being released will find themselves once again in rather hard times. In complete respect to you Sir, I am compelled to tell you that the decision on terminating the CETA Program was not only premature but a very poor one.

5/6/81

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The Honorable Ronald Reagan
April 20, 1981

In closing, I ask you or your advisers to seriously reconsider either a substitute program or an alternative approach to the resounding void you have created. In either case, we need some direction or new information because at the moment we have nothing to offer these willing hard working people, but bad news.

Again, I wish you and yours fruitful years ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Dreher jf

Tom Dreher, Mayor/Safety Director
City of Willowick
30435 Lake Shore Blvd.
Willowick, Ohio 44094

THD/jf

c.c.: Senator Metzenbaum
Senator Glenn
All Directors, City of Willowick

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590

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ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Patrick R. O'Brien
President
Maryland, District of Columbia
State Council of Machinists
3006 Hamilton Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21214

MAY 7 1981

Dear Mr. O'Brien:

Thank you for your recent correspondence regarding the effects of the Administration's economic recovery program on Conrail.

The Administration's economic recovery program for this Nation requires that we reexamine Federal involvement in areas in which the private sector or state and local governments can more appropriately meet the public's need for service. Conrail services fall into this category.

Transferring Conrail's lines to solvent carriers will provide the Northeast with continued and improved rail service, and it will provide those employees necessary to perform that service with stable employment. Continued massive Federal funding of Conrail will result in a marginal railroad and continued uncertainty for shippers and employees.

I hope the above information will aid you in understanding our reasons for the actions of concern to you.

Sincerely,

**ORIGINAL SIGNED BY
WILLIAM E. LOFTUS**

William E. Loftus
Associate Administrator for
Federal Assistance



It's a law we
can live with.



THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE
REFERRAL

APRIL 23, 1981

TO: DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

ACTION REQUESTED:
APPROPRIATE ACTION

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 021824
MEDIA: LETTER, DATED APRIL 15, 1981
TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN
FROM: MR. PATRICK R. O'BRIEN
PRESIDENT
MARYLAND - DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
STATE COUNCIL OF MACHINISTS
3006 HAMILTON AVENUE
BALTIMORE MD 21214
SUBJECT: FEDERAL FUNDING FOR CONRAIL

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

3006 Hamilton Avenue
Baltimore, Md. 21214
April 15, 1981

021824

President Ronald Reagan
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20036

Dear Mr. President:

Your proposal to severely reduce Federal funding of Conrail will result in a loss of 10,000 jobs immediately, and a total loss of 50,000 jobs over the next two years. I ask you to restore the monies to keep Conrail operational and thereby eliminate job loss of 50,000 workers.

I suggest that a large portion of those presently unemployed could be gainfully employed in restoring unsafe and inadequate railroads beds and rails.

Restoration of our country's railroad system is badly needed for America's defense and as a means of mass transportation.

I further ask that you initiate and support measures that would keep those employed working and that would create job opportunities for the unemployed.

Sincerely yours,

Patrick R. O'Brien, President
Maryland-District of Columbia
State Council of Machinists

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Date Correspondence Received (YY/MM/DD) 8/10/04

Name of Correspondent: W. Ralph Shields

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Subject: Urge the President to allow REA to get funding through the Federal Financing Bank.

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United States
Department
of Agriculture

Rural
Electrification
Administration

Washington
D.C.
20250

JUN 18 1981

Honorable W. Ralph Shields
Mayor of Roosevelt
Roosevelt, Utah 84066

Dear Mayor Shields:

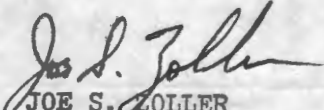
Thank you for your letter about the rural electric program. We appreciate your comments on this program and your letter will receive our careful consideration.

We have the utmost confidence that with your support for this program, along with the support and cooperation of all sectors of the economy and of the Congress, we will achieve these important objectives of the President. Controlling inflation and lowering interest rates, even though such a trend may take a reasonable amount of time, is as fundamental to the economic survival of the rural electric systems as it is to the entire economy.

Similarly, loans for essential expansion of electric distribution facilities will continue to be available from the Rural Electrification and Telephone Revolving fund and from present supplemental sources at affordable interest rates.

We respectfully request that you consider these efforts by the rural electric systems from the broader perspective of what is desperately needed for the entire economy.

Sincerely,


JOE S. ZOLLER
Acting Administrator

cc:

✓ Agency Liaison, Room 33
The White House

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

MAY 5, 1981

TO: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
ATTN: REA

ACTION REQUESTED:
DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 021879

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED APRIL 20, 1981

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: THE HONORABLE W. RALPH SHIELDS
MAYOR OF ROOSEVELT
POST OFFICE BOX 248
26 WEST, 2ND NORTH
ROOSEVELT UT 84066

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO ALLOW REA TO GET
FUNDING THROUGH THE FEDERAL FINANCING BANK

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BY DIRECTION OF THE PRESIDENT:
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PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Roosevelt City Corporation

P.O. Box 248 - 26 West, 2nd North
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Phone 722-5001

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City Administrator
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W. Ralph Shields
Mayor

April 20, 1981

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AGENCY
EXEC. CORR. & REC.

The Honorable Ronald Reagon
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Dear President Reagon:

I support the President's efforts to balance the federal budget and improve the economy; however, where cuts in successful programs do not affect the federal budget nor produce economic benefits to the country, I oppose them.

I am convinced that the Administration's Office of Management and Budget proposal to drastically change the way rural electric cooperatives are financed will raise interest rates to the cooperatives without reducing the federal budget.

It is evident that the cost of electricity for consumers in rural America will increase if the funding of loans through the Federal Financing Bank is discontinued.

I sincerely urge you to allow REA to get funding through the Federal Financing Bank.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "W. Ralph Shields".

W. Ralph Shields
Mayor

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April 24, 1981

Dear Mr. Pearlman:

Thank you for your message and for what you had to say about our economic program. I believe that it offers an opportunity to end inflation, to revive American productivity, to put our people back to work and to let our people keep more of the money they earn.

It won't be easy getting this program and we can't make things right overnight, but letters like yours make us more determined than ever that we are going to go through with the plan. I just want to thank you for your encouragement.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN A

x
Mr. Thomas W. Pearlman
Councilman
City of Providence
624 Industrial Bank Building
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

RR:AVH:JAC:CAD:EJH:ms--
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Commends Pres. on proposal to abolish Federal financing of public legal aid

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RE: Economic program; thank for encouragement

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 21
March 13, 1981

Dear ~~Mr.~~ *Mr.* Pearlman:

Thank you for your message and for what you had to say about our economic program. ~~I know we can't make things right overnight, but~~ I believe that ~~our program plan~~ offers an opportunity to end ~~this~~ inflation, to ~~get us back~~ *revive American* ~~into~~ productivity, ~~again~~, to put our people back to work and to let our people keep more of the money they earn.

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With best wishes,

Sincerely,

S.K.
CSD

/s/
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Councilman
THOMAS W. PEARLMAN
203 Blackstone Boulevard 02906
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CITY OF PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

q.B.
March 13, 1981

The Honorable Ronald Reagan
President of the United States of America
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Reagan:

Please allow me to commend you on your proposal to abolish
/ Federal financing of public legal aid.

Many of my colleagues, as well as myself, have witnessed
how greatly this money has been wasted and foolishly spent.
The quantity and quality of legal services will be greatly im-
proved and much more efficiently handled with a much lesser ex-
penditure of funds through long established legal aid societies,
United Way Agencies, or other responsible organizations.

Keep up the good work!

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "TWP", written over a horizontal line.

THOMAS W. PEARLMAN

TWP:geg
cc: Sen. John Chaffee
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Cong. C.Snyder
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Date Correspondence Received (YY/MM/DD) 8/104/23

Name of Correspondent: Austin J. Murphy

MI Mail Report User Codes: (A) _____ (B) _____ (C) _____

Subject: Enclaves letter from Mrs. Rena Paterine who is concerned about the cuts in funding for the fund stamp program.

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June 16, 1981

Dear Mr. Murphy:

With great regret for the delay, I would like to thank you for your April letter on behalf of your constituent, Mrs. Rena Paterini. In her letter, she has expressed concern over the food stamp program.

Mrs. Paterini has contacted me directly on this matter, and I have written to assure her that the President's jelly beans are certainly not purchased with any Federal monies of any kind, but are in fact donated by the manufacturer.

With cordial regard, I am

Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Austin J. Murphy
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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AUSTIN J. MURPHY
22ND DISTRICT, PENNSYLVANIA

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April 22, 1981

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Mr. Max Friedersdorf
Special Assistant to the President
for Congressional Affairs
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Friedersdorf:

Enclosed is correspondence which has been referred to me by the Honorable J. Barry Stout, a State Senator within my Congressional District. You will note that Mrs. Rena Paterini is concerned about the cuts in funding for the food stamp program and a comment made by a food stamp worker that President Reagan's jelly beans "were being purchased out of food stamp money."

I would appreciate your clarifying this issue for Mrs. Paterini and I look forward to your reply.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Austin J. Murphy".
AUSTIN J. MURPHY
Member of Congress

AJM/fms
Enclosure

cc: Mrs. Rena Paterini
Box 573
Ellsworth, PA 15331

46TH DISTRICT
J. BARRY STOUT
P. O. BOX 944
BENTLEYVILLE, PA. 15314
(412) 239-5400

SENATE POST OFFICE
THE STATE CAPITOL
HARRISBURG, PA. 17120
(717) 787-1463

REPLY TO: Bentleyville



Senate of Pennsylvania

APR 15 1981

April 9, 1981

The Honorable Austin J. Murphy
Member of Congress
212 Cannon Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: Mrs. Rena Paterini
Box 573
Ellsworth, Pa. 15331


Dear Austin:

Mrs. Rena Paterini recently contacted my office because she was very upset by information that was given to her daughter-in-law by a food stamp worker. Mrs. Debra Paterini was applying for food stamps and was told that she was \$20.00 over the income eligibility guidelines for a family of four. However, what incensed Mrs. Paterini was that her grandchildren were doing without the basic essentials while the President's "jelly beans were being purchased out of food stamp money" as the worker told her. Mrs. Paterini would like a refund of all of her tax dollars which went to pay for the President's jelly beans.

Since this inquiry involves the executive branch of the federal government, I felt you might be in a better position to address the concerns of Mrs. Paterini.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in serving our mutual constituents.

With kindest regards,


J. BARRY STOUT
State Senator

JBS: sll

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Ms Lena Patrine
Box 513
Ellsworth, Pa. 15331

MAR 27 1981

Senator Barry Stouffer,

I hope you and your family have had a nice and fulfilling dinner, because my granddaughters haven't.

I took my daughter-in-law up to Washington for food stamps and for an amount of about \$20.00 they don't qualify. This means that although prices of just staples, like milk, cereal, bread, have risen excessively, my granddaughters are not allowed these minor luxuries.



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My son brings home \$150.
clear per week. There is no
telephone, he can't afford one
high utilities. He pays \$185.00
a month on a eight room old house -
air conditioned in the winter and
steam heated in the summer - no
one asked how much money he has put
into gasoline to travel back and forth
to work, which, of course, has risen
every other month, (prices of gasoline).

Don't you people care?
Not for the adults as much, but for
these two little girls 2 + 1. There is no
extra milk or even essentials for them.
But, Mr Reagan, I refuse to call him
President, can run around the world until
his jaw of jelly beans, which I found
out at the food stamp program that



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my taxes are paying for them,
The grinning man carries his
jelly beans certainly, doesn't
lack essentials.

First of all, Senator, I want
a refund on my taxes that are
helping buy this man his jelly beans. not
for anything else I just refuse to support
this stupidity. Think back, senator, did
you ever see President Carter carrying
a jar of peanuts. Enough said, right?

We help out as much as
possible, but I still have a family at home.
Surely, Senator Stout, if your food stamp
program allows soda pop as a edible,
my granddaughters could surely be allowed
a extra glass of milk. I have
supported you consistently. My ~~grand~~
family have known you forever and, surely
you have a heart - I want an answer
to this letter - I am a supporter of you
but also a neighbor.

over

Some one can surely do
something.

Sincerely
Mrs Vera Taterini
Box 513
Elsmouth, Pa 15331

For
John & Debra Taterini
Box 185
Scenery Hill, Pa
15360

might yet be accomplished in time to

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carries green jellybeans on way to Irish Embassy with
ter Gene Fitzgerald.

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Date Correspondence Received (YY/MM/DD) 81104123

Name of Correspondent: Henry S. Reuss

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Subject: Enclosure letter from Mr. Jose Vegas, expressing concern about proposed reductions in funding for social programs.

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Administration for
Children, Youth and Families
Washington DC 20201

The Honorable Henry S. Reuss
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

AUG - 5 1981

Dear Mr. Reuss:

Thank you for your letter of April 17, 1981 on behalf of Mr. Jose Vegas regarding his concern about the possible reductions in funding for social programs.

As you know, the Administration has proposed a new social services block grant authority. Under this proposal, services for youth, such as are provided by group Homes in Milwaukee, can be funded. However, the level of funding and the degree of priority to be accorded to support for such projects is a matter that would be determined by the State. While the block grant proposal envisions a reduction in the overall level of Federal funding in support of social services, these reductions may be offset by improved targeting of funds to meet the most pressing needs and to projects which are the most effective. In addition, the elimination of unnecessary Federal regulations and requirements would reduce State and local administrative burden, thus freeing-up funds for the direct support of services by each State.

This office shares your concern for the problem facing our society, and is committed to working in conjunction with other Federal agencies and private sector organizations to identify viable solutions to these problems.

Thank you again for your interest. I hope this information is useful.

Sincerely,

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Warren Master
Acting Commissioner
Administration for Children,
Youth and Families

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

JUNE 24, 1981

TO: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

ACTION REQUESTED:
APPROPRIATE ACTION

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 022045 7-1-81

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED APRIL 17, 1981

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: THE HONORABLE HENRY S. REUSS
U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON DC 20515

SUBJECT: ENCLOSES LETTER FROM MR. JOSE VEGAS,
EXPRESSING CONCERN ABOUT PROPOSED REDUCTIONS
IN FUNDING FOR SOCIAL PROGRAMS

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
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5TH DISTRICT, WISCONSIN

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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April 17, 1981

Ronald Reagan
The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

My constituent, Mr. Jose Vegas of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, has asked me to forward to you the enclosed letter, expressing his concerns about proposed reductions in funding for social programs. I hope you will give full consideration to his comments.

Sincerely,

Henry S. Reuss

Henry S. Reuss
Member of Congress

Enclosure

4/12/81

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APR 20 1981

HENRY S. REUSS

Mr. Regan.

I live in an adolescents group home. because of the cuts in funds for MILW. I am having difficulty find a summer job. I am also concerned about funds being cut in my group home, after living in this group home, we come to believe they are a necessary part of society people need money to survive, they do not need bombs built to suppress. Bombs can ~~at~~ only cause death, the money used on the military could be use to help people to live keep the group homes running + jobs for its youths so we can become a real part of this society.

Jose Vegas
6304 N. 91st
Milw, WIS.

sincerely,
Jose Vegas